

REMARKS

This application pertains to a novel multilayer film having an outer layer of a polyamide which is at least 90% polyamide 6, contains nanoscale particulate nucleating agents and has a thickness which is less than 50% of the total thickness of all the layers containing polyamide.

Claims 1-12 are pending.

Claims 9 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for various reasons, more specifically indicated in the Office Action.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's suggestions for overcoming the rejection of claim 12, and for improving the language in claim 4. The Examiner's suggestions have been incorporated into said claims.

The rejection of claim 9 is based upon the Examiner's view of claim 9 as reciting limitations which have insufficient antecedent basis. This claim has now been amended, and as amended is believed to obviate any antecedent support problems. It should be noted that, as presently worded, the aforesaid limitations are presented as original recitations, and therefore inherently provide their own antecedent support.

It is believed foregoing amendments obviate the rejection of claims 9 and 12 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and said rejection should accordingly now be

withdrawn.

In view of the present amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 1-12 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of said claims by the Examiner is respectfully requested and the allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

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